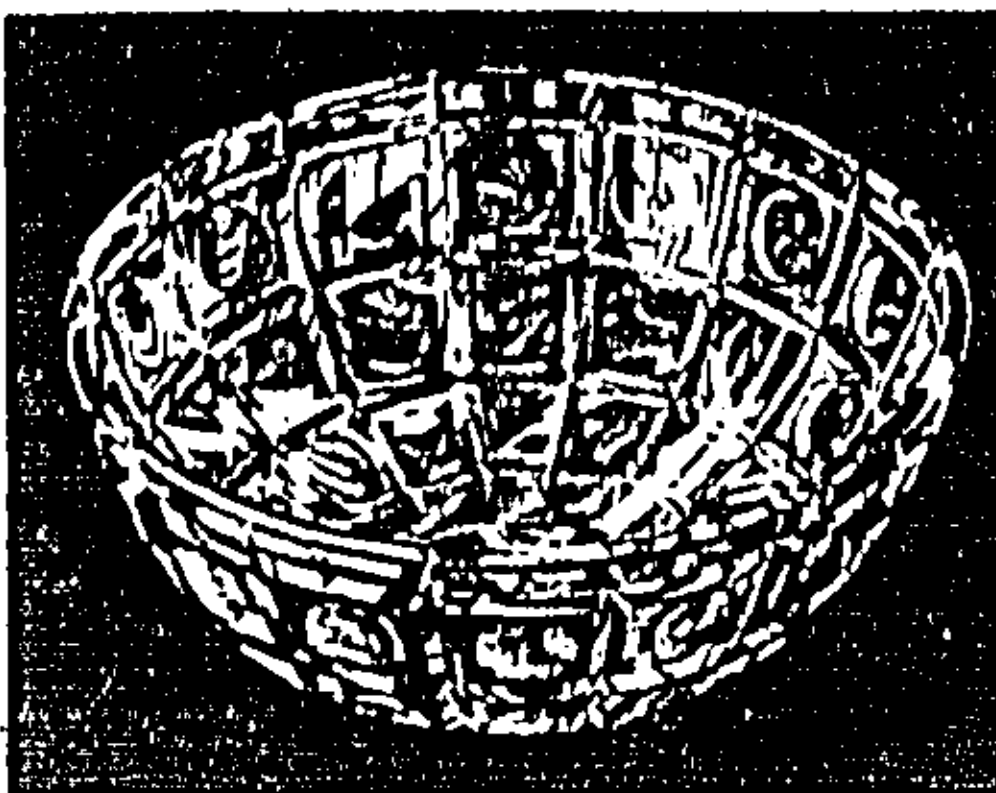


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IMMIGRATION INTO AUSTRALIA

Sir,—with the object of settling in Australia with my family (wife and 14-year-old daughter), I made an application in 1947, and a second one in September, 1949, to the Minister of Immigration in Canberra. Both were refused, no reason given. Incidentally, I must say that I had the same results with the New Zealand Controller of Customs, to whom I applied in October, 1949.

I was very pleased to see in your paper the letter written by Mr. Taming (Xung Woon, Chairman of the Chinese Community in defence of what he calls "one of the most democratic countries in the world." It was for this reason that I applied to the Minister of Immigration, and because I am a convinced democrat, that I applied to be admitted where Democracy is more appreciated, with the intention of carrying heads and peacefully my living in a way to benefit the democratic community, of which I am an admirer; also to fight for it if necessary.

To say that I was mystified and disappointed by the refusal is indeed a way to put very mildly my democratic feelings. Of course, on my personal account, there is no question of race. I am a European, but my wife is Chinese by birth. This gave me the suspicion that this was the reason.

I am very glad indeed if I was wrong, because I think, democratically, that we are all citizens of this unhappy world that we are in, made in bones and flesh by the same God, with only a slight difference in pigmentation.

The reason for the refusal could not be political, because I gave the best references of my past life, and also because thousands of my countrymen are admitted yearly with the Immigration authorities.

It was surely no question of influx of "cheap outside labour," because many immigrants admitted are modest labourers, but also because I am an educated professional man, just the kind they need more, trying to improve and not worsen my economic condition. This was stated in my application, in which I gave my professional experience. It was not certainly for lack of employment or overcrowding of applications, because it is a well known fact that Australia needs, not thousands but millions of good, honest, active, and democratic men, for its development and defence. I claim to have all these attributes, and I can prove it. Was it, maybe, for reasons of age or health? No, sir, I am 39 years old with a perfect medical bill of health, thanks to God.

So, now that my only suspicion is so convincingly shattered, I am more than ever a puzzled, bewildered man, and unless the two refusals were only due to the policy of the past Government (and with that possibility in mind I will try a third application), I would indeed be very grateful if some other defender of the Australian policy could confirm my trust in what Democracy means and revive the obscured lights of my intelligence.

Yours etc.,
PUZZLED.

CANTON BOMB EXPLOSION

Two Chinese Communist soldiers were killed and two others seriously wounded when a bomb exploded in the Hanan suburb of Canton.

The "Wah Kiu Yat Po" reported in a message from the Kwangtung capital that the accident occurred while the soldiers were digging for hidden arms concealed by the Nationalist forces.

U.S. carrier arriving with jets

A 27,500-ton United States aircraft carrier, with two squadrons of jet fighter planes aboard, is due in Hong Kong today.

The arrival of the carrier, USS Valley Forge, will mark the first time that as many as two squadrons of jet planes have visited the Colony.

It is not yet known if the squadrons will give a demonstration before the Valley Forge leaves Hong Kong on June 24.

The carrier will be escorted by two U.S. destroyers—the USS Fletcher and the USS Radford. The jet aircraft, called "Panthers," are reported to be in the over 600-mile-an-hour class.

Band Concert at Botanical Gardens

Highland dancing and selections of light music were presented by the Military Band, Pipes and Dancers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers at the Botanical Garden yesterday.

A large and appreciative crowd attended the open air weekly concert.

Band Conductor, L. E. Stockton, conducted the programme which consisted of marches, selections from Ellis and Berlin's Easter Parade and a cornet solo by B.D.S.M. Harden.

Pipe Major D. McKinnon and his pipers gave a pleasing version of a series of selections—Slow Air (Lock Rannoch), March (Balmoral Highlands), Reel (Over the Hills and March (Murray's Welcome).

The concert was arranged by kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. M. Macdonald, O.B.E.

PEKING ORDER TO GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

The Chinese Communist Party Committee of the Central-South China Military Area has ordered all profit-making enterprises operated by the armed services and civilian organisations of the Government to be wound up within a month.

This was reported in a special message from Canton published in yesterday's vernacular "Sing Tao Jih Pao." The reason given is that competition in business between official bodies and private enterprises is contrary to the Government's policy.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BAZAAR

Aided by brilliant weather, a successful bazaar was held by the St. Louis Industrial School at the school compound yesterday.

The bazaar, held in aid of the St. Anthony's Church Fund, was declared open by the Right Reverend H. P. Valtoria, Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong, in the presence of several hundred people.

Stalls such as fortune telling, try your luck, bango, shooting gallery, and fishing, were well patronised. Ten of the stalls were prepared by the pupils themselves, and the three were prepared by Father Chialdini, S.D.B., parish priest.

The school band, under the conductorship of Lay Brother de Groot, S.D.B., was in attendance. Refreshments were provided by Watson's, the Dairy Farm, Coca Cola and Green Spot.

A hundred years ago

Tales told in "China Mail" files.

One of the Wonders of the Imaginative World a hundred years ago was the building of a railway to Constantinople and beyond.

"We have at length out-specified the Americans," Brother Jonathan takes of a sub-oceanic telegraph from New York to the Isle of Wight. "The Times" this morning suggests a railway from Calais to Mooltan. Thus, the railway from Calais to Vienna is accomplished, and thence to Peshawar. We must carry it to Constantinople, through the valley between the Thais and the Danube, crossing the latter river a little below the junction of the Drave, and entering the European territories of Turkey just by Belgrade, and thence through Adrianople to the Bosphorus. And so we stand at length on the borders of Europe and Asia, with about one-third of the whole journey accomplished and 2,400 miles still remaining before us. Turkey in Asia is now to be traversed from angle to angle, from Scutari to Bursa—saying nothing, for the present, about the Straits. Over Syria and its wonders to the Persian Gulf through Persopolis to the Baluchian frontier, the sea coast, under the hills and cross the Indus below Meance, when we have crossed about 500 miles of Persia and as much of Beloochistan! We may then snap our fingers at the Yankies and their projects. The total cost of this railway in nabobs is to be only £34,000,000—not more than the cost of two railways, actually existing in England."

(The link across Persia is still missing, 100 years later. Perhaps the Yankies will do it after all, part of a Marshall Plan for Asia—Ed.)

Pitcairn Re-Visited.

A correspondent writes from the good ship "Fanny" to "The New Zealand" on a visit (July 2nd, 1849) to Pitcairn Island and the descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers:

"Almost everybody on board had read of the Mutiny of the Bounty and were most desirous, if possible, of getting a glimpse of the descendants of the mutineers. A cockleshell of a canoe came off with two men, one of whom, with all possible politeness, asked permission to come aboard. They proved to be George Adams, son of the mutineer John Adams, and Quintal, grandson of one of the mutineers. They brought with them a few oranges which they would only give to the women passengers and children. When we went ashore one of the men to welcome us was Charles Christian, a grandson of the ringleader of the mutineers, who volunteered to show us the island. We also met Mr. Nobbs, the clergyman, schoolmaster and doctor of the island, who has resided on the island for 26 years in the same capacity, and has a large family."

"With him were a number of young women of the island, from whom we received a hearty welcome. The personal appearance of these women was very prepossessing—exceedingly good looking, with an expression of good temper and contentment on their faces that was delightful. The native girls took full possession of our women passengers and they appeared quite unable to express their joy at having European women amongst them. Only one white woman, an American, had ever been ashore there before. Singing and dancing was the order of the night."

"The population of the island is now 149, and the division of the sexes as equal as can be. Mr. Nobbs keeps a journal of all the events—births, marriages, etc., but it contains little of import. The whole of the inhabitants have been born on the island, except Mr. Nobbs and a man, Edward Evans, who has also been here a number of years, and has a large family. The only survivor of those brought here in the 'Bounty' is one old Tahitian woman, said to be 90 years old. The island was inhabited before the arrival of the mutineers. The proofs are stone axes, which have been discovered, and a carved stone, and human skeletons. The axes resemble those used by the New Zealanders, but there is no trace to be found as to the race of the people or the manner in which they became extinct."

PERSONALITY PARADE

Consul for France

The doyen of the Consular Body in Hong Kong is Mr. Robert Edouard Eugene Jobez, the Consul for France. An essayist, a former police official, an expert on Chinese handwriting and an observer of politics with strong independent convictions, M. Jobez has had a varied and interesting career.

Most of his official life has been spent in the Far East, but he has also held important posts in France and abroad notably Algiers, where he went in 1944 as a member of the Committee of Liberation.

His political convictions have always been of an independent character, and he has always endeavoured to live by them. When the Nazis overran France in 1940 he was stationed in Shanghai as head of the Police in the French Concession there. But he was opposed to collaboration of any sort, and rejected Vichy to join General de Gaulle in London. He became a member of the General's personal staff later that year.

M. Jobez is a true Parisian. He was born there in 1898, and spent his adolescence there. He was a Bachelor of Arts, and in 1931 graduated with a diploma in Chinese from the French Foreign Language School. He took this year because his parents had convinced him that knowledge of Chinese would be an asset for a career to be spent along the China Coast, where French influence was then extensive.

Fascinating work

M. Jobez has had no business experience. Soon after he left school he enlisted in an artillery regiment. When he was released from military duty, he joined the Paris Criminal Investigation Department. Police work has always fascinated him. So well did he acquire himself, and so keen were his powers of observation, that one year later he was made a Special Inspector attached to Foreign Affairs.

When a vacancy occurred in 1924 in the French Police at Tientsin, M. Jobez was asked if he would care to make the trip. He seized the opportunity to travel, and upon arrival was empanelled of the Chinese police in the French Concession.

He remained in Tientsin for nine years, learning the language of the Chinese, in which he subsequently graduated from the French Foreign Language School in 1931. Outside of police work he became a keen spectator of Chinese politics, the decay of worldism, the Nationalist movement, the emergence of Russian and Japanese influences, the Rape of Manchuria and the impotence of the League of Nations.

He witnessed the march of all these events, which convinced him that China would always loom large in international affairs. The persistent denial by outside pressure of that nation's right to independence taught him early in life that national self-assertion was a precious thing—so that in 1940 when the time came for him to decide his line of approach to the French tragedy, he did not waver for a moment.

From Tientsin he was transferred to Shanghai in 1933 to become the French Commissioner of Police there. Together with Major K. M. Bourne—who was Commissioner of Police of the International Settlement—M. Jobez guided the destiny of Asia's largest port in the sphere of maintenance of law.

Wood cutting hobby

With woodcutting as a hobby, M. Jobez wrote occasional essays on China as a pastime. In 1932 he published a translation in French of modern Chinese law. In the same year he translated a treatise on the organisation of

the laws of the National Government. A year later he translated the Chinese Judicial Year (Criminal).

His best-known literary work is a book which appeared in 1933 entitled "Expertise of Chinese Handwriting," which was designed by many scholars as a faithful study of Chinese calligraphy seen from foreign eyes.

A Roman Catholic, M. Jobez practises his religion faithfully. Religion has been a great help to him in moments of difficulty, and he believes that its influence for good is profound.

He has been honoured on several occasions by his Government. Many years ago he was made a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. Chevalier d'Orange Nassau followed. Then

came to be identified with the political and consular service of his country. In 1942, after three years with General de Gaulle, he returned to China as Counsellor of the French Delegation in Chungking.

In 1944, he went to Algiers, and in 1945 assumed his first consular post as Consul for France in Colombo, Ceylon. He was there for one year. In the summer of 1946 he came to Hong Kong as French Consul in the Colony, and has been here ever since.

M. Jobez is a linguist. Besides French, he speaks English, Chinese and Russian thoroughly.

Keen clubman

He is a well-known clubman. Right now he belongs to six Clubs in Hong Kong, including the Hong Kong Club, the Jockey Club and the Rotary Club. Of all the sports, he enjoys swimming most.

M. Jobez was a very popular figure among the French community in Tientsin which, though now sadly thinned, has left numerous monuments to its achievements.

Not the least of these are the magnificent Municipal Buildings, one of the most graceful and imposing examples of Western architecture to be found in China, and the Cow School and Club buildings, both of which were built on very modern lines.

M. Jobez, as head of the Surete, was one of the best-informed foreign officials in that part of the country, not only on the doings of the underworld but also on political and other matters.

He was devoted to his work and yet, like so many Frenchmen, knew how to profit most from his leisure hours, for he was and is a bon viveur in the best sense of the term.

He is not a voluble talker—quite the contrary. He says little, and wisely so, for his powers of observation—his friends say—are notable.

Through all the crises that occurred during the Chinese civil wars and the trials and tribulations that followed the Mukden Incident and the Japanese intrusion inside the Wall, which more than once involved the French Concession border in difficult situations, there was no more serene or self-confident official than Mr. Jobez, however serious the situation might be.

Indeed, he is in many respects the antithesis of the traditional, excitable son of France—an official who keeps calm and cool whatever happens.

Dragon Festival trial runs

Trial runs of the annual dragon boat race were held yesterday afternoon off the Ritz Garden as local Chinese prepared for the celebration of the Dragon Festival.

The trials yesterday were held before a large crowd of spectators, including many Europeans.

Four crews took part in the race yesterday, two of them representing junk crews at Shaukiwan, one representing the Hong Kong Sailing Junks Association at Wanchai and one representing junk crews at Cha Kwo Ling, Kowloon.

The Hong Kong Sailing Junks Association crew seemed to be superior to the other three boats.

The race proper will be held this afternoon at Chung Shing Bathing Pavilion between the same crews.

Today's race will be held under the sponsorship of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association and the Tung Hwa Hospital.

Mr. J. F. Nicoll, Officer administering the Government, will attend, and Mrs. Nicoll will distribute prizes to the winners.

NWA starting new service between HK-U.S.

Taipei, June 10.—North West Airlines announced today a new United States-Hong Kong service via Taiwan, beginning June 26.

The Taiwan manager, Mr. David Edwin, said the new service will be operated on a weekly round-trip basis in collaboration with Hong Kong Airways, and would give Taiwan bi-weekly flights to and from the United States.

The new Civil Aeronautics Board approved plan, Mr. Edwin said, would land North West Sky-masters in Taipei every Monday, and from there the service will be linked to Hong Kong through Hong Kong Airways. The return trip from Hong Kong would leave Hong Kong on Wednesday, flying to the United States via Taipei, Tokyo, Anchorage and Seattle.

Mr. Edwin said a similar service began last month via Manila but was discontinued after the first flight at the insistence of the Philippine authorities. The new service will be in addition to the regular United States-Taiwan-Manila schedule inaugurated early in June—United Press.

GOC-IN-C RETURNS

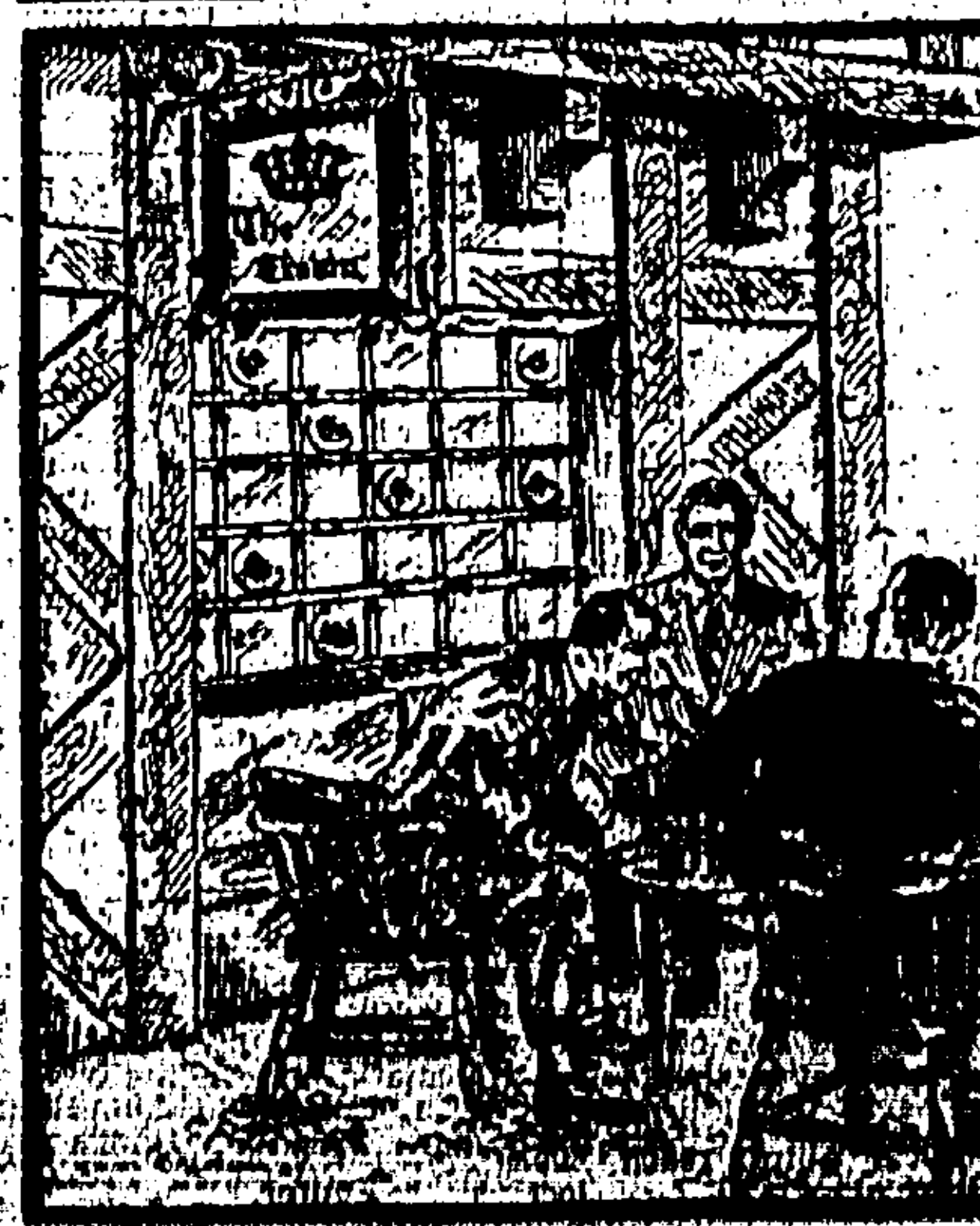
Sir Robert Mansergh, GOC-in-C, returned from England by BOAC plane yesterday. He was met on arrival at Kai Tak by General Evans.

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Crash-proof aeroplane, unsinkable warship for sale by Singapore man

Secret war weapons—including a crash-proof aeroplane and an unsinkable warship—are being offered for sale in Singapore to any interested party by a former doctor-captain of the Czarist Army, who claims to be a staunch British citizen despite the fact that he is Russian in nationality.

This was revealed recently when 62-year-old Paul Vasievich Tranoreff Lentz, described as an "exile from the brutalities of Communist Russia," unfolded his life history.

"Britain and America can benefit so much from them... they better hurry... I am an old man, and I would hate to take my secrets to the grave with me," Paul was quoted as saying.

Now what are his inventions? Paul explained them naively. The naval wonder is just a portable drydock which is incorporated in the hull of the warship. "This would make any warship 100 per cent unsinkable," the inventor declared.

It was also revealed that the British Admiralty was approached in 1939 and Paul produced documents—identified by the Admiralty crest and other symbols—to support his claim.

Their Lordships, Paul stated, were interested and requested a working model of the blueprints. The Russian inventor declared that he completed it in 1939 but the Japanese war spoiled his plans.

"I lost everything," Paul told his interviewer. Paul showed diagrams of his invention, which he described as "only rough—I cannot reveal the blueprints as they're still top secret."

Special gas

About his crashproof plane, the Russian inventor asserted that a pilot in trouble has only to push a button in his dashboard for a safe landing. A balloon containing a special gaseous substance, "of my own invention," would be released from a hatch and float the plane safely to earth.

Paul recently came into the limelight when he was brought to a criminal court in the Colony where he was cautioned for putting the word "former" to his nationality (Russian).

Recounting his life story, Paul said that he first visited Malaya in 1928 as a "stateless person" under the sponsorship of the League of Nations.

Paul declared himself to be a monarchist and "definitely not an anarchist."

He is a circus musician by profession and toured the Malay States and the Far East—sometimes alone and sometimes with a circus.

And Paul is a very good artist. Among his treasured possessions are testimonials justifying his skill.

The inventor has chosen Singapore as his sanctuary, and now lives with his deaf and dumb wife in a drab room in a Chinese boarding house.

Political refugee

Not very far from where the Russian inventor, Army captain and magician, lives, a high-ranking political refugee is also seeking out a placid existence under the aegis of the Union Jack in Singapore.

He is Nal Chalam, former leader of an Opposition Party against Philip Seng's Government. He is living in a modest attic but with his family—wife and three children.

Nal Chalam has been invited by General Seng's Government to "forget the past and return to Slam." But the political refugee—an astrologer by profession—prefers to stay in Singapore. "It is much safer and quieter here," he says.

It was his profession as lawyer-astrologer that dragged Nal Chalam into the political whirlpool. He gained numerous friends among the high-ranking personnel of the Army and Government, which subsequently led him to organize an Opposition Party against General Seng's Government. He was believed to have planned a coup d'état against King Rama VII of Siam's friend.

The King was dethroned. Nal Chalam was imprisoned and sentenced to death.

Gaoled by Japs

But when King Rama VIII took over, the prisoners were released. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Nal Chalam was taken to Siam's Island-Pitcairn. Shortly afterwards he escaped and reached Malaya safely, where he gave himself up as a political refugee, in 1929.

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SPORTS PERSONALITY:

Cheong Kin-man

The success of the youthful but very versatile swimmer, Cheong Kin-man, in one of the first swimming meets of the 1950 season did not come as a surprise.

His victories were predicted weeks before the actual Meet sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association, but what really wrung cries of incredulity from the many who saw him win the various events was the record-shattering times in which he won.

The Meet was held last Monday evening at the Chung Shing Swimming Pavilion at Kennedy Town and in the very first event, the 50 Metres Free Style, "Man Chai" as he is known to the swimming fraternity, won with ease in the time of 27.4 seconds, which bettered the All-China record of 27.8 seconds.

The same night he swam the 100 Metres Back Stroke in 57.1 seconds to establish a record for the Meet.

The following night he negotiated the 100 Metres Free Style in 53.4 seconds, which established another record. Half an hour later he swam the 400 Metres Free Style in 5 minutes 20.8 seconds to break the All-China record by three seconds.

Four records in two nights and so early in the season! That alone would establish him as one of the outstanding swimmers the Colony has ever had.



CHEONG KIN-MAN

since the days when W. Lawrence and Chan Chun-nam, vied for honours in Aquatic Meets prior to the war.

Unassuming youngster

Cheong Kin-man, who celebrated his 18th birthday on June 15, is a quiet, unassuming youngster who has a shy but friendly smile for everyone he meets.

Born in Indonesia, his native Province is Fukien. Three generations ago his forefathers emigrated to Indonesia and today the Cheong family is one of the best known families in Indonesia.

His brother William, 20, better known as Cheong Wai-lam, who is also one of the Colony's leading sprint swimmers, brought him to Hong Kong in 1941.

He joined St. Stephen's Preparatory School at Stanley where he first learnt the rudiments of swimming.

During the Occupation he did not have much opportunity to swim although he stayed at Stanley.

After V-J Day, he began to take up swimming more seriously and in his first competitive race during one of Chung Shing's Swimming Galas he came in a bad fifth in a boys' race in which six competitors took part.

Trained hard

This, however, did not dampen his ardour for the water and he trained hard under the guidance of his brother. Later that year, during the Colony Swimming Championships, he won the Boys' Under 15 years 100 Yards Free Style, establishing a record by winning it in 55 seconds. At the time he was not yet 14 years old.

From then on, his swimming prowess increased to leaps and bounds and in 1947 he provided the greatest surprise of all by winning the Cross-Harbour race from one of the Colony's greatest long distance stars, Chan Chun-nam.

However, the next year he was beaten into second place in the Harbour race by Chan, but last year he proved he had no superior by winning the race convincingly.

At present, "Man Chai" is a student of the fourth grade at Wah Yan College.

He is well up in his studies and the Father of the College looks upon him as one of their brightest pupils and one of their greatest swimmers.

In two years time the Olympics will be held and it is "Man Chai's" ambition to represent the Colony in one of the swimming events. Because of his burning ambition, he is training hard with his brother William over by his side to give aid and advice.

"Man Chai" himself admits that but for his brother, who has carefully watched him all the way up the ladder of swimming fame, he might have been one of the many "moderate" swimmers who are stuck in the water, never reaching the championship level.

Wedding at St. Joseph's



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tavaris leaving St. Joseph's Church after their marriage yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Margaret Ahwee. (Photo by Harry Wong).

Complications and inequalities

By HENRY LONGHURST

Our friends of the U.S. Golf Association, on observing the new set of rules which came into operation here in January, expressed polite but official disappointment.

"A general liberalisation of penalties," they said, "though doubtless a popular step in the eyes of many players, is not possible without serious complications and inequalities."

There are indeed complications and inequalities, even though, so far as a non-level mind may judge from a cursory of the American rules, we are not alone in this matter.

In America, it would appear, a ball out of bounds costs you one stroke, whereas a ball lost or unplayable costs two.

A logical desire to make the penalties equal for the unplayable ball should be declared lost until after a five-minute search. Manifestly absurd! Golf is too slow as it is. But how can a ball be declared unplayable unless it is found?

Opinion was invited, and the vote was for "distance only." That was simple enough, for "lost" and "out of bounds."

It is over the unplayable ball—a definition resting solely with the player—that the fur is beginning to fly.

The question engenders much heat. Correspondents write with pens dipped in vitriol.

Argument ranges furiously and ill-informed at the 14th hole. At Huntercombe, the bushy character of whose lovely courses has made it a hotbed of this resistance movement against "Rule 30: ball, unplayable," the second ball becoming, for better or for worse, the ball in play.

We could then search for our first 2s, 9d, with unforgotten zeal and a clear conscience.

Hopping mad

On this occasion his opponent's interpretation of Rule 30 rendered him speechless. He babbled inarticulately up and down. He was literally hopping mad.

Elsewhere a distinguished professional, tripped up by the same rule, was quoted, erroneously, as saying that he had "regard the rule (it) was blue in the face and still couldn't understand it."

The Rule says, in effect, that if you find your ball unplayable you may either "drop it two clubs' lengths away with a loss of one stroke, or go back and play another, counting both strokes, but with no penalties. You may not continue with any provisional ball you may have played.

That is clear enough. How it should be interpreted, which is the common run of law-abiding citizens want to know, remains obscure.

King's Cup air race tragedy

London, June 17. W.A. Moss, the oldest competitor in Britain's King's Cup air race, was killed instantly when his plane hit a turning pylon in the race at Newport, Shropshire, today.

The winner of the 187-mile race, which was flown on hand-caps, open to British pilots flying aircraft built in the Commonwealth, was Mr. Edward Day, of Rochester, in a Magister plane, at 139.5 miles per hour.

Exciting finish

In an exciting finish he was only 60 yards ahead of Prince Markie's Hurricane aircraft, piloted by Group Captain Peter Townsend, an Exbury to the King.

Third was Group Captain A. H. Wheeler, piloting an Auster. Moss, aged 49, was flying a machine that he built himself, a Magister. He had been a private aircraft owner since 1923 and took part in the King's Cup

Reminders

Today

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Grown Land Auction Sale, PWD, 2 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Ladies Day, talk on "Why Men Won't Grow up" by Commodore L. N. Brownfield, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Nin Dragons Services Club, Dance 8 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, building, 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Too H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 9.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, boxing tournament, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, whist drive, 7.45 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA, whist morning, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Life in Cyprus" by Mr. R. B. de Boe, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, bathing picnic for Services, buses leave at 8.30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, band call, 8.15 p.m.
Y's Men's Club lunch, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Drobny wins West of England Tennis title

Bristol, England, June 17. Jaroslav Drobny won the West of England tennis championship today, beating his fellow self-exiled Czech, Vladimir Cernik, 6-3, 10-8.

In international events Drobny and Cernik are now listed as representing Egypt.

Drobny won with an injured shoulder. Because of his injury, the final was reduced from the best of five sets to the best of three.

Dorothy Head, Alameda, California, won the women's title by defeating Madame Helen Straubova, Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-1 with a devastating baseline attack and beautifully placed cross court strokes.

Dorothy and Madame Straubova, however, were beaten in the finals of the women's doubles. An English team, Mrs. R. Anderson and Mrs. D. R. Boquet, trounced them 6-2, 6-1.

D. Scharenguvel and M. Matsou of Czechoslovakia won the men's doubles, defeating the all-American team of Irvin Dorfman, New York, and Art Larsen, San Francisco, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Dorfman and Dorothy Head won the mixed doubles title, defeating David Lucie of South Africa and Miss R. G. Sales of England, 6-3, 6-1. Associated Press.

Four well-known Chinese artists from Hongkong are to give an exhibition of their works from today to Wednesday on the sixth floor of the Sun Company, Des Voeux Road, Central, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The artists are Miss Shao Yushuan, Miss Shao Yip-ling, Mr. Lin Chung-hsing and Professor Shao Y-shuan.

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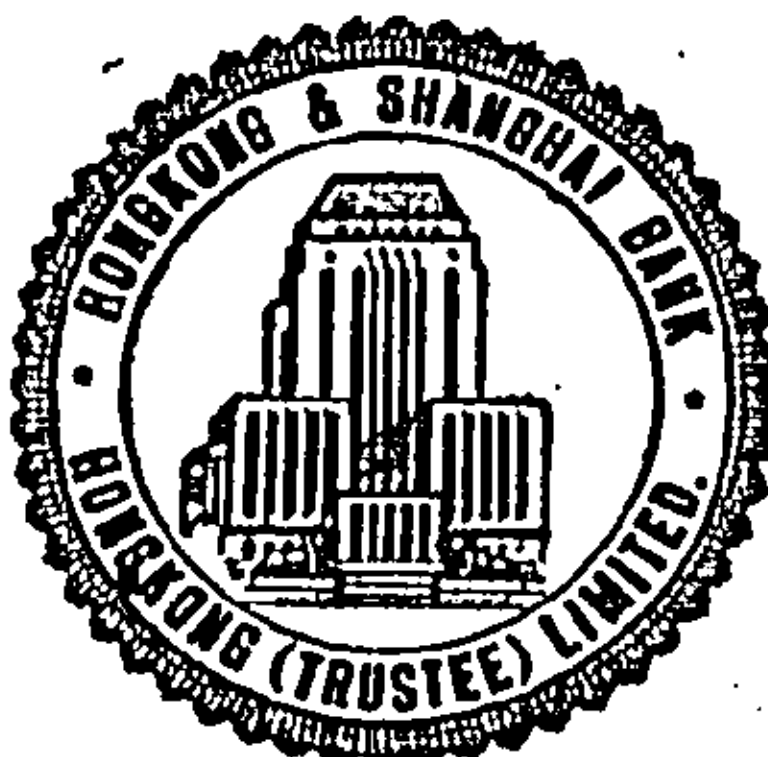
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DEFENCE PLANNING HELD UP

Washington, June 17.

President Truman's unsuccessful hunt for a permanent American deputy to serve on the North Atlantic Council is delaying the West's defence planning.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and the Foreign Ministers of the other 11 treaty nations agreed in London a month ago that their deputies should be appointed forthwith to draft defence plans and take initial action on other urgent treaty problems. The deputies were to set up a full-time organisation in London and prepare a report for the foreign ministers before their next meeting in September.

Diplomatic officials said this important preliminary planning is being held up pending Mr. Truman's selection of Mr. Acheson's deputy. The other 11 nations want to see the calibre of the American appointee before they make their selections.

Mr. Truman first wanted the former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, for the job. But Mr. Lovett turned down the post during a White House call last Monday on grounds of poor health.

In a surprise appointment on Friday, the President apparently eliminated one of the leading candidates for the deputy post in London. Mr. Truman announced he had selected W. Averell Harriman, special United States representative in Europe, as the Economic Co-operation Administration, to be special assistant on international problems.

Besides Mr. Harriman and Mr. Lovett, others mentioned for the job as Mr. Acheson's deputy include Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to London, and General Dwight Eisenhower, now President of Columbia University. —United Press.

KAREN ATTACK REPULSED

Rangoon, June 17.

Government forces at Taloketaw, Henzada district, withstood a five-hour rebel Karen attack before the rebels withdrew, leaving six killed, an official communique reported today.

It said that the retreating Karens killed six Burmese civilians in a reprisal.

The communique disclosed that heavy fighting had again broken out between Red Flag Communists and White Band PVOs in Central Burma Melktila district near Mahlaing town.

It added that seven Communist forces in West Burma, Myingyan district.

An official announcement said 76 White Band PVOs, including six women today surrendered at the refinery town of Syrian, 3½ miles down river from Rangoon.

This brings the total of PVOs surrendering in the area since last week-end to 181. —Associated Press.

Korean woman to die for aid to Communists

Seoul, June 17.

A Korean Army court today sentenced to death petite Kim Soo Im, former employee of the U.S. Army's Provost Marshal's office. She was convicted on nine counts of aiding the Communists.

The 39-year-old woman admitted violating the Korean Republic's national defence act but contended she gave information entirely for affection and profit—not because she believed in Communism.

Miss Kim said she asked Colonel John E. Baird when U.S. Army forces would withdraw from Korea because she feared he would leave and she would lose his company.

She added she gave this information to a Communist, Pak Min Ho, who also was working for the U.S. Army and was afraid of losing his job. —Associated Press.

MALAYA 'WAR' IN THIRD YEAR

Singapore, June 18.

Malaya's war against the Communist terrorists enters its third year tomorrow.

In two years, 300 police, 150 officers and other ranks and 800 civilians, most of them Chinese, have been killed by the terrorists.

The bandits have suffered 1,100 casualties. More than 600 have been captured and nearly 800 have been killed.

Some 400 civilians and 300 police have been wounded by the terrorists and 200 kidnapped. —Associated Press.

Internal row in Britain's Labour Party

London, June 17.

The British Labour Party was embroiled in an internal row today that may blow up into a serious challenge of leadership before the next general election.

In the "Weekly Tribune" which they edit, left-wingers attacked the moderates and charged them with veering away from nationalisation and steering toward a more moderate form of Socialism.

The "Tribune's" main editorial was devoted to major criticism of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison's recent re-definition of Socialism. Mr. Morrison appeared to pigeonhole many controversial issues such as moral nationalisation and continued redistribution of wealth.

Under the headline "Herbert Steps Out," the "Tribune" made it plain that the section of the party which is represented in the House of Commons is not prepared to give an inch on plans for complete socialism in Britain.

The "Tribune" is edited by Mr. Michael Foot and Miss Jennie Lee, both left-wing Labour Members of Parliament. Miss Lee is the wife of the party's left-wing leader, the Health Minister Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

Today's challenge followed a row over the National Executive Committee's pamphlet, "European Unity," which was interpreted as a rejection of British participation in European unification until all Europe's countries are headed by Socialist governments.

The Minister of Town and Country Planning, Mr. Hugh Dalton, also associated with the party's left wing, was blamed for the "unfortunate" timing of this pamphlet. —United Press.

Jap fishing boats seized by Chinese Reds

Tokyo, June 18.

The Japanese Coast Guard reported today that a vessel flying the Chinese Communist flag seized two Japanese fishing boats in the open sea off the China coast South East of Shanghai yesterday.

The report indicated the Japanese boats may have been outside the authorised fishing grounds but not within Chinese territorial waters.

A third fishing boat which escaped seizure sailed to Nagasaki that Yoshinori Maru No. 1 and No. 6 were stopped by warning fire from a Chinese ship and taken into custody, presumably to the Chusan Islands recently evacuated by the Chinese Nationalists. —United Press.

MRA SESSION

Caux-sur-Montreaux, June 17. Over 500 delegates from 25 countries attended today's session of the Moral Re-armament World Assembly here. The Japanese delegation provided the chief speakers this morning.

Mr. Iwakichi Hattori, Governor of Shiga Prefecture, declared that Japan now wanted to build up as a peaceful nation and realised that this could only be done on the basis of moral and spiritual standards.

There was, he said, great interest throughout the country in the Moral Re-armament Movement.

Mr. Tonachi Ijima, managing director of the Tokyo Bank, said that there had been no democratic traditions in Japan and Moral Re-armament was badly needed there so that democracy could be established.

Among the Indian delegates present at today's session was the Indian Labour Minister, Mr. K.H. Desai. —Reuter.

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1-Heart, opened it with a preemptive call of four, he regretted his action. North quite properly passed, reckoning that his side strength might be just enough to make the contract. South proved, though, to be in a hopeless project. He had to lose a trick each in the black suits and two in trumps, so was down one.

The other South, who opened with a sound 1-Heart, realised what his hand might be valuable in several kinds of circumstances. First of all, it was by no means worthless on the defence, having its normal quota of high card power. Second, it might be very fine as a dummy for some other declaration, especially clubs or No Trumps if North had the necessary cards for either of these. As it developed, the club fit was ideal and the game contract, alright, with just one loser in each black suit.

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OVER THE SHOULDER

Two misfortunes among many afflict British and American diplomacy in Asia. The United States has an outstanding Secretary of State whose speeches have become a feature of contemporary discussion, and a Department whose experts on Asia have been driven out by the fury of controversy and witch-hunting. Britain has an ageing invalid as Foreign Secretary but an intact staff of permanent officials with an expert knowledge of the Far East. On the whole Britain seems to be doing better. Even that isn't too good, though the transformation in the Middle East after the Palestine debacle is quite remarkable.

In the United States, while Mr. Dean Acheson is fighting his lone battle with striking skill and energy, the latest idea of the hostile Senators is to sidetrack the State Department by appointing General MacArthur as "co-ordinator" of all American policies in this part of the world. The General, who is one of the greatest personalities of American history, doesn't co-ordinate: he commands. But what else is there to do when the State Department is in a plight such as the British Foreign Office—with its almost sacrosanct traditions in Party polemics—has rarely if ever known. Everything is, in fact, against it. It would be bad enough if its punishment fitted the crime, which it emphatically does not. But so much of the stuff has been knocked out of it by political pugilism that even in defending itself from its aggressors the State Department is almost abjectly apologetic.

Mr. George Kennan, the planner of policy, has taken two years off on holiday from the State Department. He paid a visit to his own (and Senator McCarthy's) State of Wisconsin last month and told the story of the failure of American policy in China in mournful numbers. Perhaps there is something in the idea that the soft answer turneth away wrath even in the hurly-burly of Congressional Party politics. He understood, he said, the state of mind behind all the criticism that China had fallen to the Communists: therefore there must be something wrong with the State Department. But China was no mere province of the United States. Warnings were repeatedly ignored. It was not lack either of money or men or arms that produced the infirmities of the Nationalists, but just a profound malaise and a desire to pass the major burden to the United States.

There were, he admitted, phenomena clearly visible even before the end of the war that should have raised serious doubts—but didn't. Instead they deluded themselves into the hope that the defeat of Japan and the evacuation of the Japanese forces would mean "a united, free, and democratic China" as these terms were understood in the United States.

Today it is the fashion to paint Uncle Sam with horns and tail. The truth all along has been that American policy has been tinged with a sentimentalism about China which did a lot of damage to the head. The talk about hard-faced, brutal Imperialists is nonsense. The Americans were dominated more than

Politicians, writers and tradesmen both in Canada and in the Caribbean are discussing the possibility of union between Canada and the British West Indies.

Geographical proximity, economic inter-dependence and mutual traditions have caused Newfoundland smoothly into the role of tenth Canadian province.

Now, it is proposed to bring in as the 11th province a federation of Jamaica, Barbados, Leeward, Windward, Trinidad and the Central American mainland colony of British Honduras.

The idea is not altogether new. Customs union between the senior Dominion and the ancient colonial islands in the tropics was mooted in 1912 and again in 1920, but without effect.

In 1931, the late Lord Bennett, then Prime Minister of Canada, urged full political fusion. But the depressed distracted attention from the issue.

Now, with the British West Indies on the brink of promotion from colonial to dominion status, many observers consider the time is ripe for promoting a consolidation of British Commonwealth influence within the American continental sphere.

A glance at the map immediately suggests that a more strategic and economic merger would be between the BWI and the U.S. But most Canadians are glad that sentiment still outweighs military or monetary expediency.

Strong links

Wherever the Union Jack flies on that side of the Atlantic the monarchical ideal is in its highest flight for 50 years.

The average Canadian would receive the British West Indies with pride into his adult's wing of his Majesty's household. He has grown out of that reluctance to participate in overseas affairs which once bore his lot of experience. The Canadian is developing a sense of his responsibility within the Commonwealth as a whole. As the Motherland loosens the apron strings off the younger children, so does the federal regard of Canada for their welfare deepen.

Canada was the first colony to reach maturity. Now quite reasonably she expects to be given a voice in the affairs of the family. Union with BWI, say its supporters, is as natural a domestic development as an older brother taking a younger one into business partnership.

anything else by what, for want of a better term, we may call the missionary mentality," and it's not meant as a term of reproach either. The biggest American banker who ever came to China and the most dreadful ogre of oil or tobacco we ever encountered there, were simple and kindly souls compared with some of the hard-faced cynics who rose to high office in the Soviet Union. There were quite a few "realists" among the smaller fry, of course, but they didn't set the tone or texture of American policy—they, like the people whom the Communists call the bureaucratic capitalists, merely exploited it.

Mr. Kennan is not the only one who had beaten his breast about the delusions created by the wartime association with Moscow. Many wished to forget that the single totalitarian State on the Allied side was there not by its own choice. They did not look too closely at the background, and so in the end they had to confront the sad and humiliating fact that it was only with the help of one totalitarian regime, "still saturated with hatred for us and determined to encompass our downfall," that the Allies could defeat those other totalitarian Powers. But there is a final note of warning which is perhaps all the more penetrating because of the troubled and sorrowful searching of a fine conscience by a singularly fine personality: "The margin of safety with which our country moves in the world today is not great enough to permit us to be reckless and wasteful with the talents and the idealism of those people we depend on for the generalship of our peacetime battles."

Nor is it great enough to permit of exclusive reliance on quite another form of romanticism—that of the extreme Right. It would be dangerous indeed to take too much colour from the Japanese environment, however modified it may be on the surface, and dash from one extreme to another.

LINK UP CANADA AND TROPIC COLONIES?

By M'Kenzie Porter

Psychologically both sides would benefit from a sense of increased importance. It is useless to deny that the dominating proximity of the United States once engendered in Canada an inferiority complex that is still occasionally discernible. With Canadian authority vested in the great defensive arc of islands off the U.S. Atlantic coast, Ottawa opinions would ring louder in Washington's ears.

A federation of Caribbean colonies needs a supporting arm. To accept Uncle Sam's would be to court embarrassment, West Indians visiting Canada have often expressed the view that they could learn on Canada without losing a shred of dignity. They say they would merely be changing an obsolete form of British protection for one more in keeping with their emancipation. Newfoundland was a potent precedent.

Another argument

Another argument is that the United Kingdom itself would gain by a conglomeration of British strength in two American orbits which are on the threshold of fabulous expansion. But the unionists are patient. They propose waiting until the now separately administered

British West Indian colonies have become a self-governing community before instituting any overtures.

The federal plan for the BWI envisages a central government on the Canadian pattern with a Governor-General, a two-chamber Parliament and a judiciary appointed by the Governor-in-Council. Once this stage has been attained, the administrative fabric of the BWI would fall smoothly into line with the Provincial Parliaments of Canada. Instead of a Governor-General answerable directly to the King, a BWI Lieutenant-Governor would be answerable to the Governor-General of Canada.

A change to Canadian dollar currency from sterling would of course involve complications and some heartburning. But by the time the propitious moment for the BWI would fall smoothly into line with the Provincial Parliaments of Canada, it is hoped the existing dollar impasse will have been resolved and that multilateral transatlantic trade will once more be in full swing.

The racial difficulties in the British West Indies would also present some problem out of all the American countries Canada has been most successful in establishing inter-racial tranquility. Economically union looks attractive. Canadian and British West Indian trades are complementary. Canadian fish, wheat and timber are exchanged for West Indian rum, sugar, and molasses.

Saving dollars

Inconvertibility of sterling, however, has in recent years cut BWI purchases in Canada to half the dimensions of Canadian purchases in the islands. The somewhat ridiculous situation of Australian wheat taking the place of Canadian wheat in the Indies has also arisen.

Some experts figure that following Canadian investment and development in the West Indies the Dominion could eventually save annually 100,000,000 American dollars now being spent on tropical supplies from U.S.-controlled sources.

The argument that Canada and the BWI are too widely separated has been rendered invalid by a splendid Trans-Canada Air Lines service, which brings them within 11 hours of each other.

It is yet early to expect any move from the official corners of the triangular interests concerned. But as the Jamaica "Gleaner" said recently: "There is nothing fundamentally incongruous about the notion of these tropical colonies accepting common destiny with the great British North American Dominion."

Take care of your stomachs

By DR. CHARLES HILL

We expect an awful lot of our stomachs. Whatever we send down, chewed or unchewed, liquid or solid, we expect the stomach to deal with it without so much as a rumble or a twinge.

But let it be said that, despite all the maltreatment it gets, the stomach usually does its stuff without making us aware of its labours. But now and again it rebels and one of the signs of rebellion is stomach-ache.

If you look up stomach-ache in a medical dictionary you will find it can be caused by a host of serious conditions.

Trivial Causes

But the doctors, with their knowledge of starting prices in disease, know that any one suffers from stomach-ache from time to time and that stomach-ache is almost always due to some trivial cause.

Gobbling meals; too little chewing; meals that are too big, or boiling hot or freezing cold; eating foods that you cannot digest; these are among its causes. Lashings of alcohol, smoking from morning till night are others. These indiscretions make the stomach ache because they lead to irritation of its lining. Give a thought to the poor old lining.

All too often the bilious attack with stomach tender, head aching, tongue that is coated, and a breath that discourages friendships, is due to irritation of the stomach lining.

Then there is the nervous stomach-ache—and none-the-less painful because it is nervous in origin. Worry, anxiety, frustration of one kind or another sometimes show themselves by a pain in the middle.

Many an income-tax demand note has led to indigestion; many a guilty conscience to a pain in the stomach.

More serious

Of course, stomach-ache is sometimes due to disease in the stomach. For example, an ulcer in the stomach can bring on pains at a certain time after a meal, the pain being worse at the lower end of the breast-bone or in the back.

Or the ulcer may be a little lower down the digestive tract, with the pain waking the victim up at night and being relieved by the taking of food.

If an ulcer is suspected the doctor usually arranges for the stomach to be photographed so as to make sure.

Only a fathead tries to deaden his stomach pain by without first having a diagnosis made as to what the cause really is.

It may be the result of faulty feeding, or overwork, or worry. It may be due to disease in the stomach or somewhere else. Rarely, it may be something even more serious, though in 99 cases out of 100 it isn't.

The amazing thing is that the stomach puts up with as much as it does. It is an elastic organ, and if you doubt this statement watch a party of small boys gormandizing at a birthday party! But it can get tired of being overfed. Someone ought to start a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Stomachs!

Here are a few suggestions: Stick to your daily time-table for opening the bowels, attending at the appointed place at the

Munich notebook

By Alexander Clifford

There is a mad buying boom in Munich these days. There are no sales on, but crowds are storming the shops. In some places queues have reappeared after an absence of two years.

Good, strong walking shoes are in extraordinary demand. So are basic storable goods like sugar, oil, soap, and tinned foods. There is a run on warm clothing, bicycles, and first-aid outfits.

In their own homes housewives are feverishly bottling preserves, putting down eggs in water-glass, making jams, salting away sides of bacon. They children's money-boxes are being rifled to fill the store-cupboards. Cellars are being crammed with food.

Like wildfire

And all because an old peasant in Freilassing has prophesied war. His forecasts are no more intelligent or plausible than anybody else's. But for some unexplainable reason they have swept like wildfire through Bavaria.

"Believe it or don't believe it, that's your affair," said the old man off-handedly when he issued his prophecies. But Munich rushed to believe it.

It may have been partly because the people were already going through a mild flying scare. And over the border the Swiss Minister of Food accentuated matters by advising the Swiss to start hoarding. But now, at any rate, they talk of little else in Bavaria.

The old man, Alois Irmlinger, was first reported in some of the Munich newspapers. Then he claimed that they had reported him wrong.

Then an enterprising publisher brought out an authorised booklet, which sold even faster than everything else in Munich. And now the story has been embroidered by an infinity of gossip which threatens to swamp the original prophecy.

On to defeat

Irmlinger appears to have said originally that "on a rainy night" the Russians would attack with three army groups. The Southernmost—the one most interesting to Munich—would pass through Bavaria and then swing North West to join the other two on the Rhine.

Then, it seems, the Russians would be swiftly defeated. No one from their army groups would ever get home again. But a great deal of damage would have been done in the meantime.

All the area North of the Danube would be laid waste, and famine would strike the area South of it.

Further and more dubious prophecies spoke of the destruction of three great cities—Paris would go down in a Communist uprising. And two other—including London—would be inundated by the sea. But you can hear anything in Munich.

appointed time whether the urge is there or not.

Chew your food, keeping your false teeth in for the purpose. Don't smoke on an empty stomach. When you get home in the evening don't put your feet in the trough immediately—wash and sit down for five or ten minutes before going into battle with your knife and fork.

Don't blame the radishes for what is really due to the "wall" or the whisky. If you know that a food disagrees with you, leave it alone.

Obeys these rules

Prefer small meals frequently to whacking great tuck-ins frequently or infrequently. Drink plenty of water throughout the day. And if you must quarrel with the other half don't do it at meal times.

If these rules observed, the indigestion goes on, consult your doctor. Better a lot of diagnosis than a day of judgment.

Everyone you meet has a special source from which they have got additional under-the-counter goosings. And each is more terrifying than the last.

Other parts of Germany have now begun publishing the prophecies, and the panic atmosphere seems to be still spreading. But Munich is the heart of the matter. And Munich is preparing to take to the hills, or stand a siege, or do whatever seems necessary if war comes.

Shops are busy

The buying boom gives a special air of liveliness and bustle to this Southern capital of Germany—which today genuinely is a capital.

Berlin and Bonn seem incredibly far away and unimportant. Munich has reverted to a century ago when it was genuinely the capital of an independent kingdom.

(Irmlinger, incidentally, announced that three new kings will be crowned after the coming war, an Austrian, a Hungarian—and a Bavarian.)

The war prophecies come just at a moment when the reconstruction drive has got going full swing.

The patching up of apparently hopeless ruins has been brought to a fine art.

The shops are full of anything anyone could want—they have so far coped well with the population's shopping craze.

The German Light Industry Exhibition has just opened here, showing all the new inventions and gadgets and labour-saving devices that will soon be coming along.

Prophet is calm

The artists and poets of Schwabing—Munich's Chelsea—are hard at work again. There are exhibitions and concerts and recitals by the score.

A couple of hours away the Oberammergau Passion Play has started its season. Every lake and inn among the Bavarian Alps is competing to lure week-end trippers. All seems set for the first real peace-time summer.

But now comes Irmlinger and his prophecies to spoil it all. Scores of thousands of people have started thinking a lot of peace but of war.

And very few of them seem to have noticed that the prophet himself is making no special preparations to meet the emergency.



Since the news went out that the Hong Kong government is buying antiques, Myrtle's grandfather has been eyeing his wife in speculative fashion.

After all, he says, she's as good as gold; her hair has turned to silver; she has really ancient porcelain teeth; and she was at one time a very handsome jade.

"Two airliners to seek Truman aid in flight."

They'd apparently been having trouble in raising the wind.

Friend of mine was warning me about one of the local import/export experts. "He's the sort of fellow," he said, "who goes through a revolving door behind you and comes out in front of you."

One feels sure that, despite all tribulations, the Anhui will not go pit.

Overheard at the bar. "And then my wife, run away with what turned out to be my best friend."

"Her behaviour is shocking," Myrtle's grandfather complained about her the other night. "If only her Uncle Hubert were alive, it would kill him."

Myrtle, by the way, is under the impression that a buttress is a female goat.

Recent reports about Government staff cuts in Britain have made local civil servants turn in their grooves.

Oh, doal! Words in the Pharmacopoeia Fill me with foal, And things like Appendectomy Or Tonsillectomy Are, quite frankly, A pain-in-the-necromy.

"Isn't it just too sweet, dear?" "No—it's just too dear, sweet."

Romance is to marriage what chloroform is to an operation—then you wake up.

"I must go at once," said the station-master. "There's a lady driver bringing in the freight train."

"Is she pretty?" asked his friend. "She's the goods," replied the station-master.

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FREEDOM OF PRESS DISCUSSED AT EMPIRE CONFERENCE

Ottawa, June 17.

The debate on Press freedom continued today at the seventh Imperial Press Conference here. Three delegates from India, Mr. Durga Das, Mr. M. N. Cama and Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, and Mr. Altaf Husain of Pakistan spoke of the difficulties of achieving absolute Press freedom in unsettled countries.

Mr. Cama summed up this view when he said: "Freedom of the Press in theory is a thing we should all aspire to have. In practice, however, it might do more harm than good."

Mr. Altaf Husain said that Press freedom was still young. "We have peace on the surface," he said, "but that surface is like a thin sheet of ice on an early winter day, and could crack at any moment. Judging by some of the speeches that we have heard, we are to assume that correspondents are essentially wicked and not to be trusted."

"The newspapers in Pakistan at this stage do not demand absolute freedom. Such restrictions as we feel are necessary we impose ourselves. One thing that we do favour strongly is full and free access to the news for foreign correspondents. We want more of them in Pakistan. We will welcome them, and help them. But not many of them come. This makes us wonder if the older countries are really sufficiently interested in us."

Mr. Srinivasan spoke against placing "uninformed, unintelligent controls" on the Press. "The great traditions of the Press," he said, "were built up in the days when there were no strait jackets."

However, he added, it seems that the influence of the Press

today was no longer rated as high as it used to be, "although our freedom is greater." "Neither the public nor the government are prepared to take our profession at its face value. The public is getting critical. For decades we sought to educate the public in their duties. We seem to have lost more than we have gained."

Some limits

Mr. Cama said he would yield to no one as a fighter for freedom. But there had to be some limits. "Sabotage," he said, "can be committed not only by blowing up bridges, but can consist of interfering with the proper administration of a country."

"There are editors who would take advantage of too much freedom. There are newspapers with secret policies. The government must not be prevented from taking action for the security of the country at large."

"We want Press freedom, but not unconditionally."

Mr. Durga Das said the Press acted as the protector of democracy. To fulfil this function, journalists must be given free access to the news.

Mr. Das said: "Had the world consisted only of the countries of the Commonwealth and of the United States of America, the problem of Press freedom would not be difficult to handle, but we have to keep in mind the needs of both our part of the world, and the rest."

"We have to look at the matter from the other side of the fence, do not mean the way Mr. John Peet has chosen to do it in Berlin."

Access to news

"Incidentally, the manner in which the democratic Press had published the reasons given by Mr. Peet for doing so is a vindication of the freedom of the Press in the democratic countries."

"We must remember that the United Nations consists of nations in various stages of political development. Many have no newspapers or news agencies. Some have only begun to let the Press function."

"Since the strength of a chain depends on that of each link, we cannot blame the United Nations sub-committee on information for trying to evolve a system which will lay down the minimum standards of ethics and of performance on the part of the Press and the government."

Mr. Das continued: "As for access to news, we in India have probably the clearest picture. I cannot say that the same is the case in other countries. Correspondents of Indian newspapers operating in the United States and some countries of the Commonwealth have not the same access as their own nationals. I can attend the United States President's Press conference, but not put to him a question. I cannot even visit South Africa as a self-respecting individual."

"Think of the consequence to the democratic cause when I tell you that 170 million voters—the largest number in any country in the world—are to go to the polls this time next year and we cannot reach even five per cent of them through newspapers?"

"If we had only 100,000 tons of newsprint, we would reach double the present readership."

No agreement

The delegates ended their business sessions without an agreement on a freedom of the Press formula. The controversial issue, which had divided the gathering, was whether United Kingdom publishers should support and accept an advisory Press Council, a voluntary body which is now under formation under Government auspices as a result of the recent Royal Commission which investigated the British Press.

The majority of delegates seemed opposed to having anything to do with the Council on the grounds that it represented the "thin edge of the wedge" of Government control of the British Press. They feared the pattern might extend to the rest of the Commonwealth.

A minority of delegates, however, refused to be swayed from support of the Council. Their views were reflected by overseas delegates, notably India.

A representative of the powerful London "Express" group, the General Manager, E. J. Robertson, was the most outspoken critic of the proposed Council while Allan Pitt Robbins, news editor of the "Times" of London, was its chief defender. When the session ended without agreement, Colonel J. J. Astor, chairman of the Conference, announced that discussion would be adjourned to Monday, June 26, at sessions to be held in the Royal Muskegon Hotel in Lake Rosseau.

Mr. Robertson said his newspapers would fight the idea of a Council to the bitter end. He was supported by Frank Packer, managing director of the Consolidated Press of Sydney, Australia, and Senator Rupert Davies of the Kingston, Ontario, "Star." Mr. Robbins, however, said that the proposed Council was a purely voluntary body without any statutory or legislative authority.

The session was the third spent by Conference delegates on the issue of freedom of the Press. Mr. Packer was the delegate who sounded a note of urgent warning to British newspapermen.

"Real danger"

"The Royal Commission appointed by the British Government, after using all British Government resources and lavish expenditure of money upon its investigation, found nothing fundamentally, or radically wrong with the British Press," he said. "Publishers of the United Kingdom should not accept the proposal of the wedge of Government control. The danger is real and should be recognised."

Mr. Davies emphasised the danger that any action in the United Kingdom might become the pattern for similar action in other parts of the Commonwealth. "I fear that if the Parliament of Westminster sets up a Council to more or less control the British Press it might not be long before a similar Council were set up in Canada," he said.

N. M. Cama, publisher of the Bombay "Times," opposed unrestricted freedom of the Press on the grounds that conditions in India required the Government to retain powers over newspapers to the interests of security of the State.

Mr. Cama emphasised that when Governments had been unable to prevent Communist infiltration into their own services, it was not reasonable to expect that newspapers should be able to do so. Some newspapers in India had secret policies inimical to the State, and an all-out policy of Press freedom might do more harm than good in India.—Reuter and United Press.

Arab States sign security alliance

Alexandria, June 17.—The Arab States of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen signed a collective security pact here today, the Arab League political council announced. The communiqué said the Arab League council also approved the draft of a joint reply to last month's American-British-French declaration on the Middle East. No details of the proposed reply were disclosed.

Observers here were interested to note that the security agreement made no mention of Iraq and Jordan, the other two members of the Arab League. The Iraqi delegate was present at the meeting but abstained from voting, while Jordan had no representative present.—United Press.

BRITISH PACT WITH PORTUGAL

Lisbon, June 17.

Britain and Portugal here tonight signed a 20-year agreement, designed to open up African trade by the improvement of the Portuguese East African port of Beira, in Mozambique, and the railway linking it with Southern Rhodesia.

With American aid, Beira is to be built up into one of Africa's most important outlets to the sea—serving the inland territories of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The Marshall plan Economic Co-operation Administration has already granted US\$57,000 in technical aid for improvements to the Beira railway.

Portugal and Southern Rhodesia will share the non-dollar costs of the improvements.

Under the agreement—known as the Beira convention—Portugal undertakes to maintain Beira and the Beira railway in a state of efficiency adequate to the requirements of traffic to or from Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

A start was made earlier this month. The Portuguese Government approved a £1,250,000 credit for re-equipping the railway.

Portugal also undertakes to establish "free zones" in Beira, through which goods may be imported or exported by the Central African territories without payment of duty.

On their part, the British and Southern Rhodesian Governments, recognising the substantial investment involved in the development of Beira and the railway, agree to use both to their full capacity.

Preferential rates will be maintained in favour of Beira.—Reuter.

Washington, June 1.—An investigation of sex perverts among Federal employees will be made by a Congressional Sub-Committee.—Associated Press.

BLINDNESS A RESULT OF ATOM BOMBING

Washington, June 17.

Atomic blindness is developing among the Japanese who survived the atomic bombings of 1945. This delayed radiation effect was reported today by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The AEC said the survivors have, however, recovered from acute or immediate effects of the bomb blast such as loss of hair, temporary infertility and blood changes."

The Commission reported the findings by the National Research Council's atomic bomb casualty commission which has been working in Japan since 1947. The report said it may take generations for all long range effects of the bombings to show up.

Hiroshima has been turned into a vast laboratory for the investigation of direct and inherited after effects of atomic radiation down to the second generation, the Commission said.

Its Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission had already accumulated data on more than 150,000 people in the bombed areas.

Hiroshima—first atomised war target—was bombed in the summer of 1945.

To obtain information on inherited changes it would be necessary to make a careful observation not only of the children of the people who were bombed, but of their grandchildren as well.

Eye cataracts

About 35,000 births had been investigated since 1947, the Commission added, but it was estimated that at least 200,000 would have to be studied in order to detect small changes in the frequencies of congenital and inherited abnormalities.

The first evidence of delayed effects on survivors was the discovery of eye cataracts, the Commission said.

The first clue to their likely occurrence had come from the discovery of cataracts among atomic research workers in the United States.

An examination of 1,000 people who had been within 3,000 feet of the Hiroshima blast led to the discovery of about 40 certain cases of radiation cataract and an additional 40 suspected cases.

The Commission reported that survivors who were exposed to atomic radiation had apparently recovered from the acute or immediate effects of the bombing, such as loss of hair, temporary infertility and blood changes.

Years of study

The study of long-range effects, such as on growth, tumor or eye cataract formations, and genetic changes, would require many years and careful observation not

only of the children of the people bombed, but of their grandchildren as well.

In addition to using clinical methods to detect abnormalities at birth, the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, wherever possible, is making routine autopsies on still-born infants and children dying soon after birth, the report continued.

In addition, the Commission is examining 700 new-born infants monthly at Hiroshima, and 800 a month at Nagasaki, where similar investigations are now starting.

During 1947 and 1948 a survey of about 300 exposed and 300 unexposed children was undertaken to determine the differences in growth and development in the two groups—United Press and Reuter.

RUSSIAN BUDGET ADOPTED

Moscow, June 17.

The Union Council of the Supreme Soviet today adopted the 1950 State budget providing 79,400,000,000 roubles for defence.

Of this figure, representing 8.5 per cent of the whole budget expenditures, 64,000,000,000 roubles were allotted to the Army, and 15,000,000,000 roubles to the Navy.

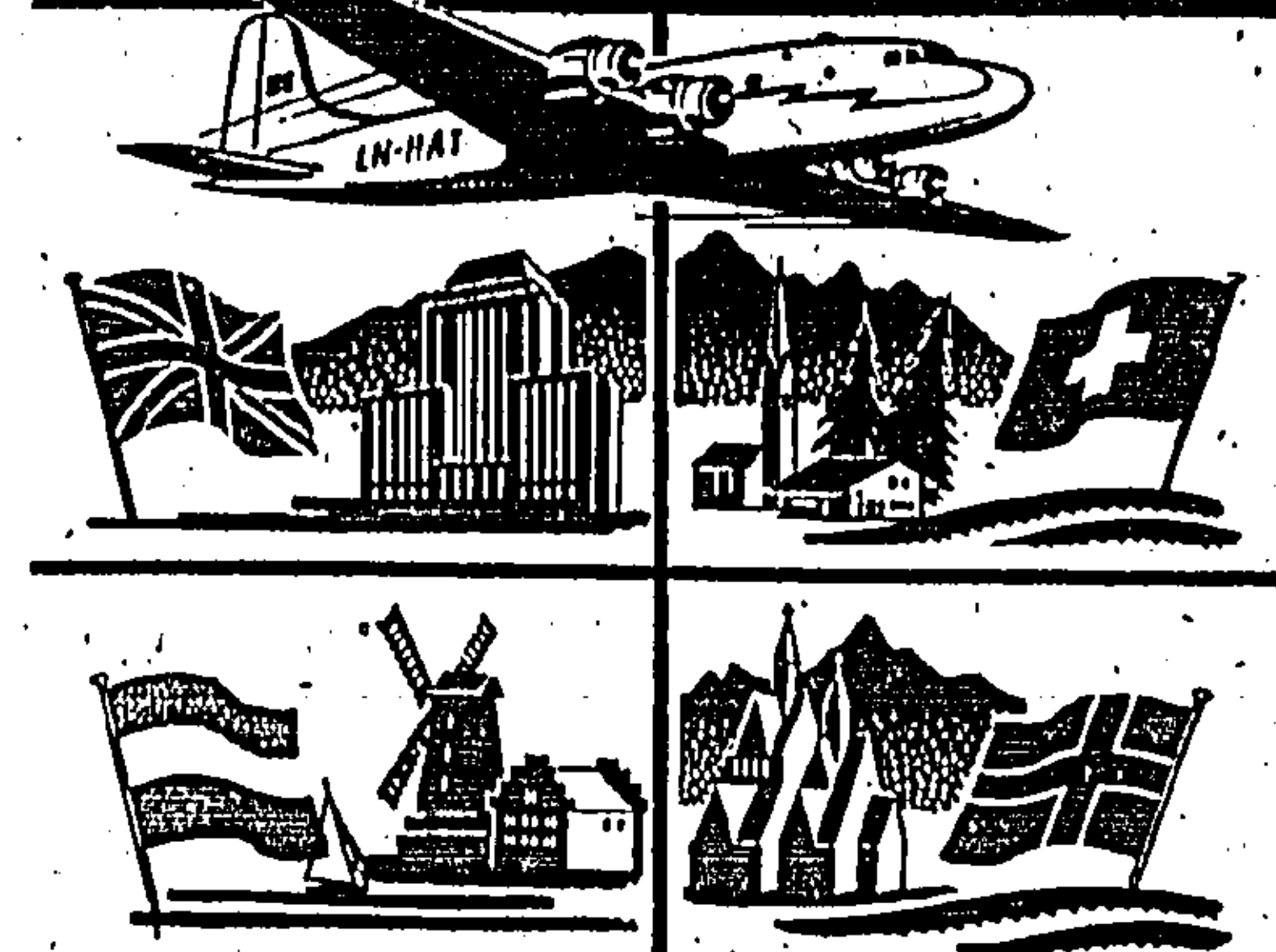
Total income anticipated in the budget was 433,000,000,000 roubles, with expenditures placed at 427,000,000,000 roubles. The balance compares with a surplus of 24,700,000,000 roubles last year.

The 1950 budget was first submitted to a joint session of the two Houses of the Supreme Soviet—the Soviet of the Union and the Soviet of Nationalities—last Tuesday.

Since then the Budget Commissions of both Houses, meeting in camera, have increased the draft income figures by 1,000,000,000 roubles.

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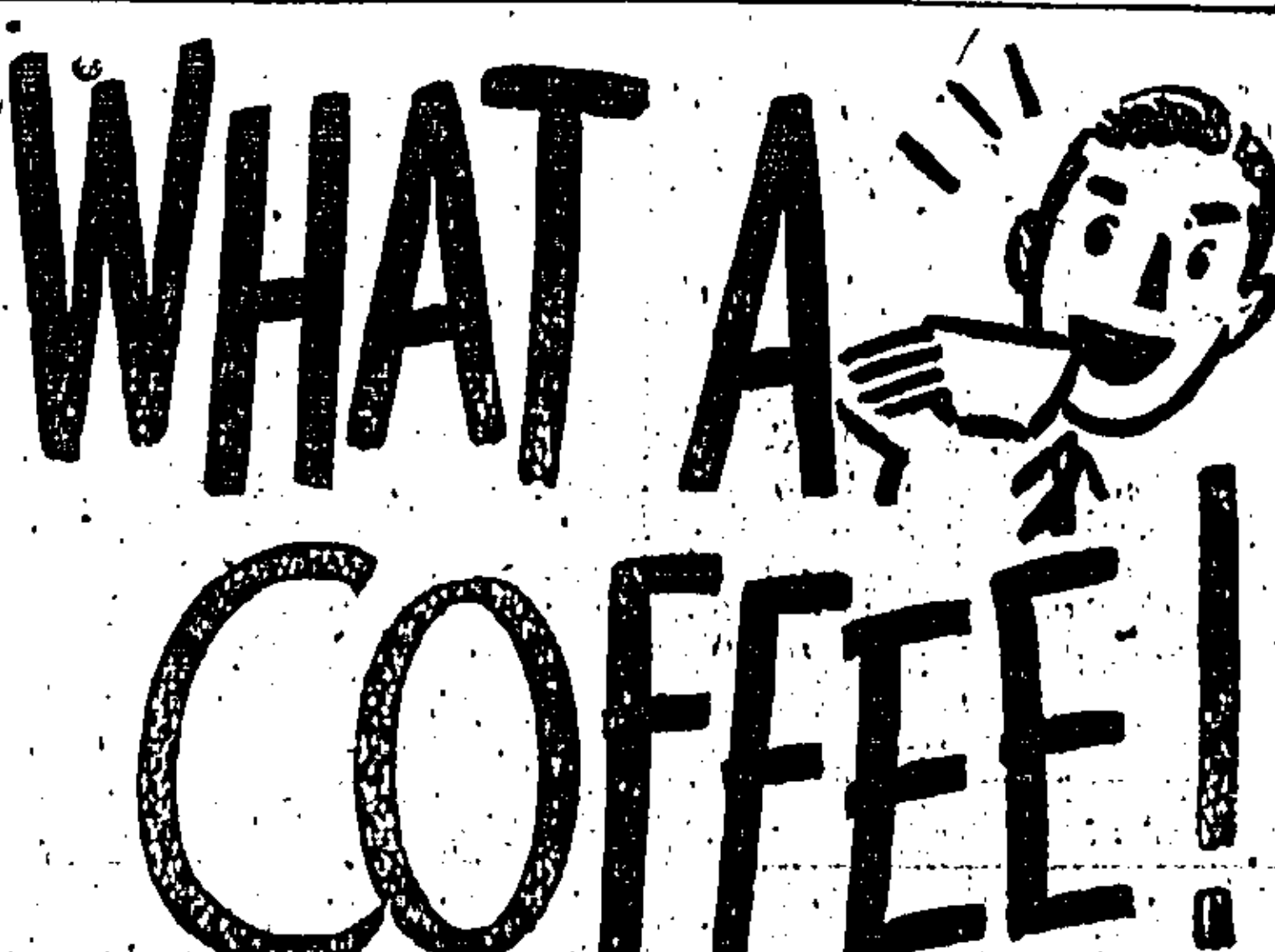


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New phase opening in Indo-China

Saigon, June 17.

Bao Dai, head of the French-recognised Vietnam State opposing the Communist-recognised Vietnamese government in Indo-China, was expected here to fly by a special plane to France on June 20.

He will attend, and may open, an inter-State conference, due to begin on June 27 here. The conference is between France and the three new independent States of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, that are within the French Union.

The conference begins the third phase of the latest French political settlement in Indo-China.

The first phase ended in Paris last year when France signed an agreement recognising the new States. The second was completed on June 15, when 27-year-old King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia signed the final document with the French authorities, transferring administrative powers to the Cambodian Government.

Similar powers had been given earlier in the same way to the Vietnam and Laos Governments. The inter-State conference will jointly settle problems connected with the residue of powers so far not given to the new States in their joint interests.

They will include financial, customs, immigration, communication, and foreign trade matters. Plans for the importation of new equipment and integrated development of Indo-Chinese economy will also be discussed.

The leader of the Vietnamese delegation is Governor Nguyen Trung Vinh of South Vietnam. Vietnamese Premier Tran Van Huu is among the 16 delegates who will accompany Bao Dai.

The High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, and several French experts will be in France when the conference takes place.

The inter-State conference is expected to discuss some of the matters which led to conflict between Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh's government and France after the political settlement of March 6, 1945.

Vietnamese troops from the Bao Dai Government are now co-operating with French forces against Ho Chi-minh's Communist guerrillas.

The first United States military aid to French and Vietnamese troops was reported to be due about the end of June in Saigon. An initial consignment of American arms and equipment is being flown to Indo-China in eight United States Dakota planes.—Reuter.

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Nehru on future relations of East and West

Singapore, June 17.
Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, said tonight that in the future relation of Asia with Europe and America, the contact provided by India and the Commonwealth might be of good omen.

It might serve as a bridge of understanding and as an example to others that such relations could be maintained without limitation of action.

The Indian Prime Minister was speaking at a State dinner given in his honour by the

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 815 kilocycles per second and on 952 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band, H.K.T.

12.30—"Hong Kong Callings"—Programme Summary.
12.35—"Guides of the Hot Club of France."
12.45—"Heather Mixture"—A Variety Programme from Scotland. (H.K.T.)
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—"Interlude."
1.30—"Music for You."
2.00—"Close Down."
6.00—"Hong Kong Callings"—Programme Summary.
6.02—"Children's Half Hour"—Conducted by Jack Frost. (Studio)
6.30—"Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)
7.00—"The Richard Tauber Programme"—With Richard Tauber, The McInchinn Orch. and Guest: Leon Goussens. (H.K.T.)
7.30—"Off the Record"—Presented by Sir Franklin Gimson, proposed the toast of the Republic of India and Pandit Nehru proposed that of the King.
8.00—"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15—"I Like What I Like"—Presented by Lamorna Nobbin. (Studio)
8.45—"India Cater Talks on Films. (Studio)
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
9.10—"Weather Report."
9.15—"Concert"—Cimara's Concerto for Oboe and Strings, Mitchell and the Saldenberg Little Symphony Orch. Ravel's Concerto for Left Hand, Robert Casadesu (Piano) and the Philadelphia Orch. (H.K.T.) (H.K.T.)
10.15—"Latin American Music."
10.30—"From the Ballet"—Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.
10.45—"Dancing With Eddie Carroll and His Swingband. (London Relay)
11.00—"Radio News. (London Relay)
11.15—"Weather Report."
11.30—"Goodnight Music."
11.30—"Close Down."

No ill-feeling

There was no ill feeling in India today against Britain or the British people and even during the Indian national struggle there had been a minimum of such feeling.

Pandit Nehru considered this might be of value in the future relations of Asia and Europe. The Governor of Singapore, Sir Franklin Gimson, proposed the toast of the Republic of India and Pandit Nehru proposed that of the King. Sir Franklin paid a tribute to Pandit Nehru as a leader of the new Commonwealth of Nations and one of the makers of modern India, when he proposed his toast. The gathering of 500 guests included the entire Consular Corps of Singapore and prominent personalities of all communities. —Reuters.

Redifusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.20—Musical Clock.
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—London News.
8.45—A Programme for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Monday's Favourite Classics.
10.30—Morning Melody.
P.M.
12.30—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
12.32—Lland Call.
1.00—Piano.
1.15—News.
1.30—Orchestral Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Today's Choice.
4.15—Blim Bryant and His Wildcats.
4.30—Victory Years.
5.00—"Music Makers."
5.15—Harmony Hall.
5.30—Children's Corner.
5.45—Radio Headliners.
6.00—Request Programme.
6.30—"The Jumpin' Jacks."
6.45—"Do you Remember?"
7.00—Terry and Grace.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—B.B.C. News.
8.10—Local News.
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—"Music By Roth".
9.00—"The Stars Sing".
9.15—"Time Out with Ted Steele and Grace Albert."
9.30—Quiz Programme.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.10—Local News.
10.15—Silks and Saddles.
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11.00—Music of Manhattan.
11.30—"A Date with Dreamland."
12.00—"Close Down."

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SCHUMAN PLAN WELCOMED BY SOCIALISTS, ON CONDITIONS

London, June 17.
A conference of European Socialist Parties today welcomed the Schuman Plan for pooling the iron and coal resources of Western Europe, but set forth a series of conditions which should be met before they would support any specific proposal.

In a unanimous resolution made public after the second session of the conference, which began yesterday, the International Socialist conferees said. "The conference welcomes the Schuman proposal as a bold example of European initiative.

"It is in agreement with the general purposes as expressed in the French communiqué of May 9", they added.

"The Conference notes with strong approval that the Schuman proposal set as the first aim of a European coal and steel organisation expansion to raise standards of living through Europe," said the conferees.

In the conditions, which the communiqué said should be observed, the statement was similar to the pamphlet on European unity made public by the Labour Party Executive.

The conditions were:
1. Labour standards within Europe's basic industries must be progressively raised.
2. To guarantee that labour standards will be set by the more progressive countries requires participation of trade unions both

at the national and international level.
3. In order to assure expansion of demand there must be recognition of the need for new investment both in Europe and the under-developed regions overseas.

Equal sacrifice
4. Within a general programme of expansion and full employment, production of European coal and steel must be organised efficiently.
5. Individual governments must accept the responsibility for implementing within their own countries decisions made under any new international arrangement.
6. If international planning involves national sacrifices, the burden should be shared by all the countries participating.
7. The conference agreed that

any form of international organisation must safeguard the essential principles of Democratic control and Democratic procedure. The statement mentioned at several points the Socialist fear that any international plan for pooling coal and iron resources might develop into a restrictive cartel if the conditions mentioned were not met.

But the statement added that if the general principles outlined were met, the Schuman proposals could be developed so as to constitute a tremendous step toward European unity. They would then be worthy of the enthusiastic support of European Socialists.

Labour pamphlet
In a news conference held at the end of the day's sessions, Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, defended the Labour Party pamphlet on European unity and said the adverse reaction in Europe and the U.S. was due to incomplete and misleading Press reports.

Mr. Phillips said that the British Labour Party did not say it would refuse to co-operate with non-Socialists.

He pointed out that the Labour Party pamphlet had welcomed the initiative shown in the Schuman Plan and declared that the primary purpose of the pamphlet had been to deal with political rather than economic questions.

He said the Labour Party favours seeking unity through national governments rather than

through a supra-national authority such as would be set up by the Schuman Plan as it stands. Socialist Parties represented at the conference were those of Britain, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Italy, Norway and Sweden.

Answer to U.S.
The British Press today showed marked agreement both in calling on the Government to clear up the "mischief" caused by the trouble over the Schuman Plan for the integration of the European coal and steel industries and in rejecting American criticism of the British attitude.

The Conservative "Daily Express" and the Liberal "Manchester Guardian," for instance, joined the Communist "Daily Worker" in answering American comment. The "Manchester Guardian" asserted that the Labour Government's reserved attitude on the Schuman plan would certainly be that of the United States were Congress presented with the same peremptory demand from any other country.

The Communist "Daily Worker," declaring the Schuman plan is really an American plan, says: "The level of British coal and steel production cannot be left to be decided by an American-controlled authority in Europe. Nor can the level of our wages and social service." —Associated Press and Reuters.

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LUCKY TO FIND A TAXI AT THIS HOUR—
DRIVER, TAKE ME TO MY GOODNESS—THAT DOOR—SWUNG SHUT—BY ITSELF!

RIP KIRBY
By ALEX RAYMOND
VENUS, BABY! YOU AIN'T GONNA REALLY TIE ME UP, ARE YOU?
YOU BET I AM, MORAY! I'M THROWIN' IN WITH THE MUGGER!
THERE YARE, MUGGER! TIED UP TIGHTER THAN A POT ROAST!
A NICE, MEAT JOB, VENUS! BUT HE'LL BE KINDA LONESOME! ALL BY HIMSELF!
SO, SISTER, YOU TIE VENUS UP!

JOHNNY HAZARD
By FRANK ROBBINS
PRETTY PICKLE! VELVET GOLD OUT TO THE OTHER SIDE... AND I'M STRUNG UP HERE LIKE CHASLIK ON A GIP! GOTTA THINK FAST... CAUSE I'LL BE A COCKER GOODBY WHEN VENTRO'S HOOPS RETURN!
THIS IS ONE TURN I DIDN'T CALL! PLAYING POTTY WITH THIS PATEV. IS REALLY GOING TO BE A CHORE!
AH, VELVET... WE ARE ALONE AT LAST! NO NEED TO BE GO SLEEN! THERE'S NONE THAT CAN HEAR US... EXCEPT HAZARD!
...AND HE DOESN'T COUNT... DOES HE?
SUPPOSE YOU GIT DOWN, VENTRO, AND TIE UP MY LIFE!

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FRED, YOU WERE GOING TO SPEAK TO JANE TODAY—SHE'D BETTER COME IN THE OFFICE WITH YOU!
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"POYANG"	Incheon & Tientsin	2 p.m. 22nd June
"PAKHIOI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 24th June
"YOHIOH"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	3 p.m. 24th June
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AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN AFRICA INCREASES

Paris, June 18.

The untapped wealth of Africa is being flushed out with a new flood of money—most of it American dollars.

Both private investments and new Marshall Plan aid have been flowing in greater volume into Africa to throw light on the dark continent's riches.

BULL MARKET TAKES A TOSS

New York, June 17. The bull stock market took a bad fall this week. The decline figured on the Associated Press 30-stock average was the worst in the bull market's one year career. Well over one billion dollars was whittled off the market value of all stocks listed on the exchange.

Some of the hardest hit issues were those which have been most in demand recently—bluechip stocks with an investment rating. At the same time some issues with a speculative tinge finished the week with net gains.

Worst damage was done on Tuesday and Wednesday after the market had climbed to a four-year peak on Monday.

Tuesday's decline was nothing to get excited about but the follow-through on Wednesday lifted a few eyebrows in the financial district—Associated Press.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after June 23, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on June 22, 1950, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before July 10, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, June 10, 1950.

The French Government, which controls most North and West African colonies, recently adopted a more liberal attitude toward American businessmen wanting to invest money in mining, agricultural and other projects in Africa.

Almost \$12,000,000 in ECA funds have been allocated to African projects by the Paris Marshall Plan office. The largest allocation was for machinery and geologists to explore Sahara Desert regions for minerals.

Research has been focussed on copper, manganese and other metals. The Marshall Plan technicians, however, would neither confirm or deny that they also were looking for uranium, the atomic ingredient.

Explorations are being conducted at a site 400 South of Oran in the fabulous and mysterious great Western sand mass. In Algeria's rugged Atlas mountains, where mythology says Atlas held the world on his shoulders, crews are searching for iron ore and phosphates.

French experts say only about 10 per cent of the whole of Africa has been surveyed for possible mineral wealth. Geologists have believed for years that

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on June 19, 1950, at 10 a.m.

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June 12, 1950.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "FARRAMATTA"

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Shanghai to revise port procedure

The Shanghai authorities are planning to unify all port and harbour functions under a single administration, according to Communist reports. Under the new set-up all customs, health, wharfe, dredging and similar functions would be merged into one authority. The "Emancipation Daily," which is the Communist official organ in Shanghai, said the existing separate customs and harbour administrations with all their red-tape, which were set up by the "imperialists and compradors," will be scrapped.

They will be merged into one control with drastically simplified procedures for the clearance of ships, cargoes and passengers. Under the new system, the paper said, a ship will not have to go through nine checking points before it is finally cleared and shippers will not have to pay 138 kinds of fees before their cargoes are passed, as is the case now. The paper reported that the confused situation in wharfe and storage on Shanghai's waterfront will also be remedied by new control regulations. There are now 430 wharves and 504 godowns in the city. Under the present system, a ship can dock at any wharf and store its cargoes at any godown it chooses. This has led to considerable confusion, the paper said.—United Press.

INDIAN-PAKISTAN AGREEMENT

New Delhi, June 17.

The Governments of India and Pakistan have approved the conclusions of the bilateral trade talks held in New Delhi at the end of May extending the scope of the April 21 agreement, the Commerce Ministry said tonight.

The original agreement, signed within a fortnight of the Nehru-Ali Khan pact on minorities on April 8, resolved the trade deadlock which accompanied Indo-Pakistani tension bordering on war.

The present extended agreement provided for:

- 1.—Expediting the delivery of goods help up in each country during the period of tension.
- 2.—Inclusion of more items in the free list of imports and exports.
- 3.—Trading on a barter basis without reopening the nine-month-old exchange controversy since India's devaluation and Pakistan's non-devaluation of the Rupee in September.—Associated Press.

UK EXPORTS

London, June 17.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Government Board of Trade, announced today that Britain's exports to the U.S. and Canada jumped to \$57,000,000 in May. This was some \$17,000,000 more than in May 1949.

Britain's imports from all sources during May hit a record high of \$640,640,000 during May. This exceeded exports by \$112,400,000 and brought Britain's adverse balance of trade for the first five months of 1950 to \$481,220,000.—Associated Press.

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"MELISKERK"	early Aug.	early Aug.	
Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European ports			
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"LANGLESCOT"	14th July	19th June	
"MARIEKERK"	early Aug.	early July	
"MELISKERK"	early Sept.	early Aug.	

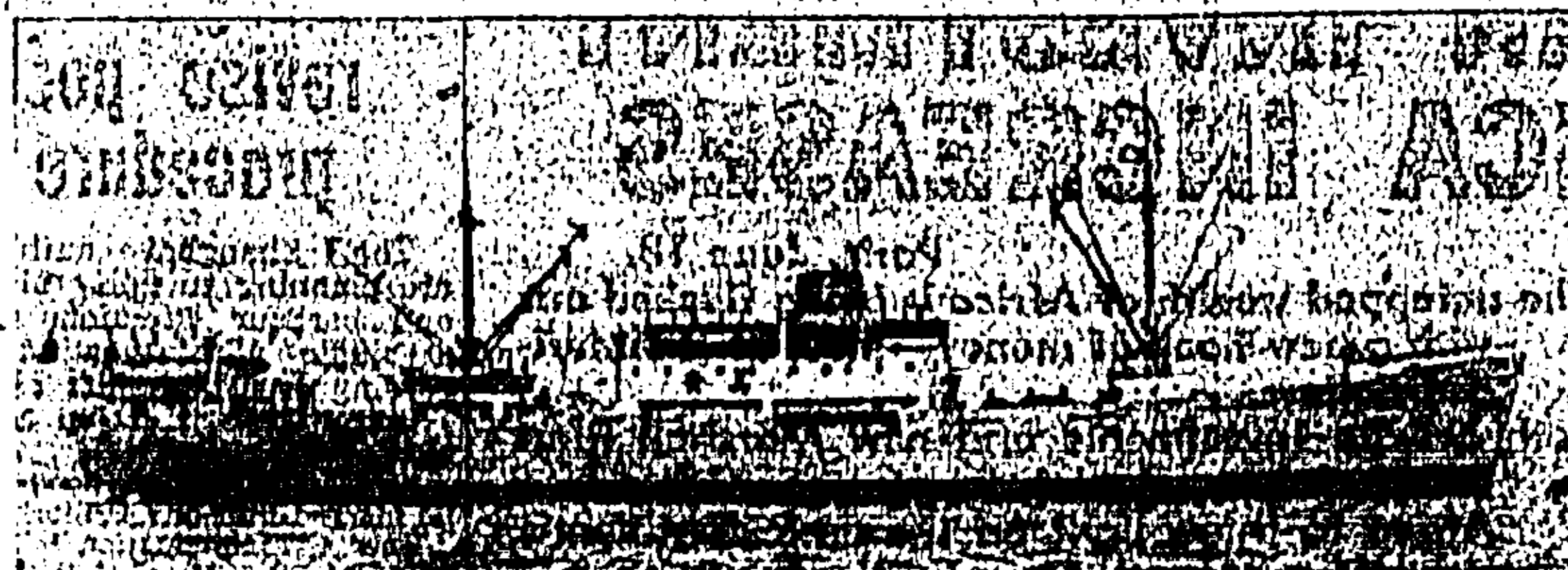
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"STEEL ADMIRAL"	20th Aug.		
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Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Duo H.K.	
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m.v. "DURAT"	20th July		
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m.v. "MINDORO"	Mid Aug.		
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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER



The ms. Mui Ann—fore-runner of vessels of her type in Orient shipping equipped with "push-button" control—is the pride of the "Mul" line operating on the Hong Kong—Straits—Bangkok—run, for which Chin Eng Hong is the local agent. ("China Mail" Photo).

Push-button pioneer in Orient shipping

Shipping circles in Hong Kong and the Straits are studying with keen interest the progress of an experiment which may become the highlight of the current diesel era in Far East shipping.

It is the operation of the ms. Mui Ann—believed to be the first ocean-going vessel to be equipped with "push-button" control exclusively for service in Orient traffic and, incidentally, the "guinea pig" of General Motors Incorporated in their Far East programme.

According to J. Walker Cook, "GM" Far East Representative and Guaranty Engineer assigned specially to help maintain the equipment installed on the Mui Ann, the results have been very gratifying both from the point of efficiency and time-saving. "The Mui Ann is undoubtedly unequalled in the East for her adaptability, ease of control and manoeuvrability."

The 3,200-ton Norwegian motorship—pride of the "Mul" line and the fastest ship of her class on the Hong Kong—Straits run with normal cruising speed of 15 knots—was specially equipped with electrical diesel engines to pioneer in this latest development of diesel propulsion for marine craft in Orient waters.

The Mui Ann made her debut in the Far East last year as the forerunner of vessels of her type in Orient shipping. She reached Hong Kong after a successful maiden voyage from Norway via Russian-occupied Germany.

The Hong Kong waterfront community knows the Norwegian vessel as a sleek, silver hulled liner which comes into port twice a month on normal schedules. They also know that inside that resplendent body throbs a current wonder of the Far Eastern shipping world.

Push-button

Practically everything on the Mui Ann is push-button controlled. From a "dead" engine room the ship can be under way within two minutes in preparing "the vessel," the engineer presides a starting button, as a driver would with his car, which sends battery current into special starting windings in the main generators to motorize them.

This cranks the engines. The generator control switch is then

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Hong Kong, June 13, 1950.

water pumps are actually part of the engines, which means that no valuable time need be lost in getting the ship under way as they all function simultaneously.

Pre-war use

The modern propulsion system in use on the Mui Ann was planned and pioneered by a group of "GM" diesel specialists, as part of a programme to extend "GM" activities in the Orient in the marine field with such equipment. Although the push-button system is now to merchant shipping in the East, similar systems were utilised before the war in the operation of naval and harbour utility craft.

It was in 1939 that a fleet of electrically equipped with electrical diesels made their debut in New York harbour to be used in docking big liners. The results met with spontaneous response from ship owners and agents and subsequently led to more vessels being fitted with such equipment. The system is now spreading to ocean-going ships.

To ensure that the prototype of modern Far Eastern shipping is a "hit," General Motors specially assigned a specialist to work in conjunction with the expert diesel-trained engineers of the ms. Mui Ann.

"The Mui Ann has been my most important mission in my 21 years with GM. I have never seen any other commercial ship outperform her or one of her size outrun her," declared J. Walker Cook, GM Representative and Guaranty Engineer.

The diesel expert asserted that the career of the Mui Ann has been very successful. "The ships efficiency and smooth operation have been appreciated by her passengers who have been given considerable comfort aboard where they are provided with up-to-date amenities," the expert said.

Mr. Cook produced statistics to illustrate his assertion—the Mui Ann travelled 4,634 nautical miles in 390 hours and 30 minutes at an average speed of 14.1 knots, with maximum speed of 15.3 knots. "That was the recorded trip from Suva to Penang," he stated.

The diesel specialist has completed his work. "The ship has a well trained engine room staff who can handle her independently, and efficiently," he remarked.

How's your harbour I.Q.?

The bridge hardly communicates with the engine room via the telegraph system—considered obsolete on the Mui Ann—unless in an emergency. Every movement desired is signalled down automatically via the push-button system.

Other facilities for cargo handling—machine shop, pump and ship's lighting are powered by three 100-kilowatt diesel-driven generators. The powerful bligs and fire pumps aboard the ship make the Mui Ann one of the safest vessels afloat—justifying the name "Mui Ann" which in English is "Beautiful and Safe."

One of the most important advantages in the main drive is the fact that all pumps necessary for operating the main engines are incorporated as part of the latter themselves. The lubricating oil pumps, fuel oil pumps and fresh

WHO'S WHO

The internal strife in China has resulted in many internationally well-known personages coming here. First and foremost among them is one of China's shipping magnates, Mr. Lu Tso-fu, founder of the Ming Sung Industrial Company.

A native of Szechuan, Mr. Lu was born 57 years ago and during his youth, which was spent mostly in Chungking, he had a thorough training in Chinese literature. At first he was engaged in educational work—even now he takes a keen interest in the education of the Chinese people in the poorer districts of China.

In 1925, Mr. Lu embarked upon the career of mercantile shipping. His many friends believed in him and they were the ones to finance him in his bold enterprise.

With capital invested by his friends he bought his first ship which was named "Ming Sung," and the Ming Sung Industrial Company in Chungking came into being.

Today, through the far-sightedness and diligence of Mr. Lu, the company has more than 100 ships of various designs and tonnages, freighters as well as passenger vessels. Most well-known of all their ships are the nine aluminium vessels built in Montreal, Canada. At present seven of these vessels are in Hong Kong while two are plying for trade along the Yangtze River.



MR. LU TSO-FU

In spite of the fact that he is not a graduate of any University, Mr. Lu has educated himself with such tireless energy that through the years he has developed the developing of maritime shipping in China, that he is at present considered by all who come into contact with him as an authority on the shipping business, both commercial and technical.

During 1946, 1947 and 1948, Mr. Lu visited the United States and Canada and during these years abroad he won many friends. It was during these three years that he first became acquainted with the English language.

It was also during these years that he negotiated with Canada for the building of the nine aluminium vessels which are the first of their kind in the world. "Nowadays, no scientific or academic book in English is too difficult for him to read and understand and, thoroughness being his outstanding characteristic, what he understands is never superficial."

Besides his shipping business, Mr. Lu is interested in industrial enterprises in general and in the educating of public in matters of hygiene, sanitation and common knowledge of science.

He was responsible to a great extent for making Peiping, a town of about 80 miles from Chungking, into a town of modern conveniences with electricity, public education and equipped with a modern hospital and cinema house.

Peiping has a population of 10,000 and the surrounding villages taken together do not exceed 100,000 in population. The whole district is extremely poor but due to the efforts of Mr. Lu and his friends, the town enjoys the amenities of a hospital with all modern equipment comparable with a medium-sized hospital of Hong Kong; a cinema house with projectors, screen and acoustics comparable with the best in Hong Kong and Shanghai; and several middle schools.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES	
The Albatross Fleet	
S.S. GENERAL GORDON	
will sail for HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO via Okinawa and Yokohama on Tuesday, June 20th at Noon.	
Passengers are requested to board the vessel on Tuesday, June 20, between 8.30 A.M. and 10.30 A.M.	
Heavy baggage will be received in Godown No. 50 of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., entrance through Gate No. 2, Canton Road, Kowloon, on Monday, June 19, from 9.00 A.M. to Noon and from 2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.	
S.S. PRESIDENT WILSON	
will sail for HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO via Kobe and Yokohama on Wednesday, June 21st, at Midnight.	
Passengers are requested to board the vessel on Wednesday, June 21, between 8.00 P.M. and 10.00 P.M.	
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SHIP	FROM	DATE	
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	19th June	
"BENLOMOND"		24th June	
"BENALDER"	on or abt.	26th July	
"BENAVON"		18th July	
"BENVRACKIE"		27th July	
"BENVENUE"		29th July	
"BENDORAN"		6th Aug.	
"BENLAVERS"		14th Aug.	
"BENATTOW"		27th Aug.	
SAILINGS			
SHIP	TO	DATE	
"BENMACDHUI"	L. o. n. o. n.	22nd June	
"BENAVON"	Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	24th July	
"BENVRACKIE"		31st July	
"BENLAVERS"		17th Aug.	
"BENLOMOND"	Liverpool, Dublin, Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg & Hull	26th June	
"BENDORAN"	Genoa, Le Havre & Liverpool	13th Aug.	
"BENALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow	6th July	
"BENVENUE"	Dublin, Antwerp & Rotterdam	31st July	
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"CONTEST"	San Francisco	June 22	June 22	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"WILLIAM LUCKENBACH"	Indian Ocean	July 1	July 1	San Francisco & Los Angeles via Oahu
"QUAPLES"	San Francisco	July 1	July 1	San Francisco & Los Angeles
"JACOB LUCKENBACH"	San Francisco	July 8	July 8	San Francisco & Los Angeles via Oahu, Yokohama, Kobe & Tokyo

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